YOUR FIRST STEPS INTO THE REGION OF ROSTOCK
A service for immigrating professionals

**WORK**
- Immigrants from non-EU states need a [residence permit](#).
- Look for a [job](#) in the region of Rostock in order to earn your living.
- Some [foreign professional qualifications](#) first need to be recognized in Germany.
- Learning the [German language](#) will help you settling down easier and is often required to find a job.

**LIVING & HOUSING**
- Search for suitable [accommodation](#) (flat or house) and familiarize yourself with your [rights and duties as a tenant](#). Often residential property companies will ask you for a residence permit when renting a flat. Rented housing in Germany is usually unfurnished.
- If you do not yet have a residence permit, you can look for [intermediate housing possibilities](#) during transition period of approximately 2 months.
- After the relocation you are obliged to [register your place of residence](#) within two weeks with the appropriate residents’ registration office (the ‘Ortsamt’ in Rostock). Your personal tax identification number will be sent to you automatically by post.
- If you are planning a long-term stay in Germany you will need an own [bank account](#). Bank institutes will ask you for your registration certificate.
Everyone living in Germany will have to sign up for a health insurance. Therefore you need a social security number which is sent to you by your employee.

Please make sure, whether and for how long your foreign drivers license is accepted in Germany.

FAMILY

- Chose a daycare facility or school for your child.
- In Germany there is various financial support for families, e.g. child benefit.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Settling down also means finding a harmonious balance between work and private life. Rostock and its surrounding region offer extensive and phenomenal recreational possibilities.
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